



### Women's presence remains limited in Faryab govt offices

**MAIMANA** - A number of women activists in northwestern Faryab province say security problems, negative traditions and discrimination against women outside their homes are reasons behind the limited female presence in government offices of the province.

They criticize low presence of women in government offices and say they are working only in a limited number of offices.

According to Faryab labor and social affairs department, around 2,815 people are working in civil services areas in the province and 30 percent of these workers are women.

Dr. Karima Hamid Faryabi, a member of Civil Society Network in Faryab, said that there were no female officers in a majority of government offices including in districts.

She said only one woman was symbolically appointed as chief of Khan Charbagh district and a few others worked in Andkhoi district.

She said women could help improve governance, transparency in performance and elimination of corruption in offices but they were given no chance to work there.

"Women are more committed and honest compared to men and the government should pay attention to women's security in offices and employ them based on their education level and capacity", she said.

"After the fall of the Taliban regime and establishment of the new government, women started working in many government offices with high interest in order to serve their people, but insecurity, lack of facilities, harassment from male colleagues and misuse of women caused people not to let their women work in offices," Faryabi said.

Farkhunda, a teacher in Stara High School in Maimana city, the provincial capital who was also a member of the Consultative Loya Jirga for peace, said ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

# Al-Qaeda Elements Are Seen in Parts of Afghanistan: Miller



**KABUL** - The US and NATO Forces Commander in Afghanistan Gen. Scott Miller has said that there are some indications about the movements of al-Qaeda elements in some parts of Afghanistan but gave no details about the nature of these movements.

"We have seen al-Qaeda in Af-

ghanistan. Yes, in different parts of Afghanistan. In different parts of Afghanistan, we can find them, so it's not one particular region, it's across the country," said Miller.

He said the United States will continue its cooperation and partnership with the Afghan forces and the Afghan citizens.

"I do believe that intra-Afghan dialogue is going to be very important to the peace process. Peace is something that all Afghans care about and as we move forward, that is a process and a journey, possibly that is the will of the people that peace comes to Afghanistan and certainly our relationship with ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## Naib, Shahzad Help Afghanistan Level Series Against Ireland



**KABUL** - Mohammad Shahzad's century and a fine bowling show by captain Gulbadin Naib helped Afghanistan level the two-match series against Ireland with a 126-run win in the second ODI on Tuesday.

Ireland's James McCollum's struggle early on didn't help Ireland. He fell for 3 off 16. Andrew Balbirnie and Paul Stirling got the chase going with a 48-run stand.

Balbirnie's wicket led to a wobble as Ireland soon slipped to 119 for 6 from 77 for 1. Stirling scored a half-century but failed to carry on as Ireland lost momentum really quickly and never recovered from the collapse.

Earlier in the day, Shahzad made his intentions pretty clear as he charged down the track and smashed a boundary on the very first ball.

Noor Ali Zadrani didn't last long and was dismissed for 5 before Rahmat Shah and Shahzad built the platform with a 150-run second-wicket stand. The opener reached his half-century off 40 balls as the visitors cruised past 100 inside 18 overs.

From 175 for 1, Afghanistan slipped to 212 for 5 but were propped up by Hashmatullah Shahidi (47) and Najibullah Zadran, who ended unbeaten on 66 and lifted the side when they really needed it.

Afghanistan was last the first ODI to Ireland by 72 runs. *(Tolo news)*

## Kabulis Asked to Register Complaints Against Detained Robbers



**KABUL** - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Wednesday asked people to register their complaints, if any, against two detained kingpins of a seven-member robbery gang.

A statement from the spy service media's office received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the gang leaders, Obaidullah aka Raees Obaid and Iqbal,

had been detained in the 10th police district of Kabul city on January 5. It added the detainees had confessed to their crimes including snatching 50 vehicles from people.

The statement asked Kabul citizens to visit the NDS department in case they had any complaints against the thieves. *(Pajhwok)*

## Saudi, Afghan Ambassadors Meet in Islamabad



**ISLAMABAD** - Top Saudi and Afghan diplomats have discussed bilateral relations and other matters of bilateral importance.

Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Malki and his Afghan counterpart Shukrul-

lah Atif Mashal met in the Pakistani capital on Tuesday.

During the meeting, the ambassadors conferred on relations between the two brotherly countries as well as issues of common interest, according to the Saudi Press Agency. *(Pajhwok)*

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries, you may have had some confused emotions about your relationship or family over the past few days. You may not have been able to fully express your worries to others. But today these emotions will find a way to come out. Look around you. There might be someone right next to you who can help with your problems.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



If every day were like today, life would be heaven, Taurus! This is potentially a wonderful time for you. You may find the answers to problems that have been bothering you for a few weeks. Keep your eyes and ears open in all conversations. You could come across the piece you've been waiting for.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini, you don't have to be at everyone's beck and call all the time. This is exhausting, and you lose contact with yourself. You should try to take some time out today. Take a good look at your life to see where you're going. Go for a walk or take a long bubble bath. Things will be much clearer after a relaxing day of reflection.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Is it possible you're too demanding, Cancer? Today's planetary aspects may be asking you this question. You're choosy about the people you spend time with, and you have a tendency to ask them to go too far for you. Sometimes you have trouble knowing your limits where other people are concerned. You might want to think about this.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today's a day to daydream, although this may not be an activity you usually do. You may even feel as if you're on vacation. Let's just hope people don't ask you a lot of difficult questions, because your answers will be anything but clear. But you shouldn't have to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders every day, Leo.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



If you have someone special in your life, Virgo, today is a perfect day to stop playing at being your partner's parent, as you sometimes seem to do. Reverse roles, and let other people take care of you. The world won't fall apart if you let go for a while. No matter what happens, a day like today should open your eyes.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You won't be able to fix your indecisiveness, Libra. You just need to give yourself some time. The direction your life is taking isn't clear at the moment. There are great changes going on inside you. So, even though it may sound like strange advice, don't do a thing about it! Let the situation get clearer before you act.

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You have a strange and wonderful day ahead, Scorpio. Once you've finished your work, you may want to either draw or write something that will help you remember today for a long time. You're beginning to see the results of recent changes in you, and you're looking for a way to express them. It may be difficult to find just the right words. But aren't you a natural-born writer?

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You have a nice day in store, Sagittarius. People may seem more attentive to your needs and generally very pleasant. You may not be used to this kind of treatment! You feel more outgoing and sociable than ever. You could take advantage of the day's tolerant atmosphere to meet people you may have been too afraid to introduce yourself to. They will surely have some new things to teach you.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Today is a day for healing and reconciliation. You may have been feeling abused and mistreated lately by someone (or a few people) in your family over the past few weeks. You're now ready for a new start, because you were able to work things out and you've learned something from what happened.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

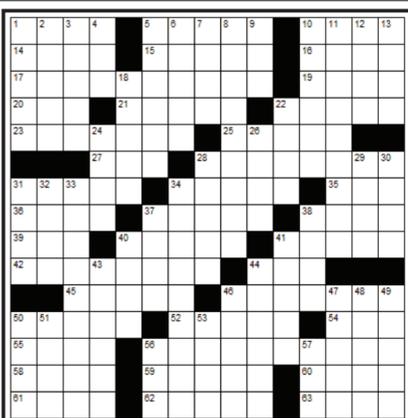


You may feel living your life is like crossing a desert, but fortunately, Aquarius, today brings your oasis. Take advantage of it! Some people you've met over the past few weeks could turn out to be more interesting than you originally thought. It's up to you to change those parts of your personality that have been holding you back.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Certain questions about your family life aren't as cut and dried as you might think, Pisces. This can be the case when emotions are involved. Yet more than anyone else, you need to be careful not to hurt anyone's feelings. Today something could happen that will let you control the situation while controlling your emotions.



### Across

1. Backside, 5. A habit worn by clerics, 10. Skilled, 14. Prohibits, 15. Soup server, 16. Tall woody plant, 17. Alteration, 19. A dog wags one, 20. Not near, 21. Roasters, 22. Impudent, 23. Lattice-work, 25. Long stories, 27. Hankering, 28. Breathing devices for swimming, 31. Bongos, 34. Compartments, 35. Tear, 36. Sharpen, 37. A Eurasian aromatic herb, 38. City in Peru, 39. American Dental Association, 40. Journeys, 41. Leaky, 42. Sparrow hawks, 44. G, 45. A sharp curve, 46. Cyber-terrorists, 50. Hoax, 52. Characteristic, 54. 7 in Roman numerals, 55. Lantern, 56. Blushing, 58. Curved molding, 59. Puke, 60. Constellation bear, 61. Walk in water, 62. Not full, 63. One who colors cloth, ,

### Down

1. To the rear, 2. Radiolocation, 3. Type of drum, 4. Clairvoyant's gift, 5. A ketone in Vitamin B2, 6. Charges per unit, 7. Norse god, 8. Proximity, 9. Cognizance, 10. Assault, 11. A small restaurant, 12. Wreaths, 13. Evasive, 18. Metalwares, 22. Knights, 24. An acute inflammatory disease, 26. Small horse, 28. Settles, 29. Not stiff, 30. Neuter, 31. East Indian tree, 32. Was a passenger, 33. Brazen, 34. Whirlpool, 37. Journey, 38. Scallion, 40. Stepped, 41. Religious splinter groups, 43. A small hairpiece, 44. Merriment, 46. Ritual, 47. Each and all, 48. Dentist's direction, 49. Indian instrument, 50. Current, 51. Indian music, 53. Backside, 56. Night before, 57. Rechewed food, ,

### Yesterday's Solution

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